MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know what steps Government have taken for the protection of the coastal area from the erosion of the sea?

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

Employers' Association in Shertallai.

151 * MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know the existence of an employers' association in Shertallai known as Travancore Cottage Industries and shippers Union Ltd., that represents the small factories at Shertallai and Alleppey?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government are aware of the existence of an employers' association at Shertallai known as the Travancore Cottage Industries and Shippers Union Ltd. It is reported to represent some of the factories outside the Alleppey Municipal town.

Labour Meeting.

152 * MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious disturbance at Chengalomkunnu in connection with a labour meeting arranged at that place on the 28th Kumbhom 1120; and

(*b*) whether any prosecution has been launched by the Police in that connection?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Factories at Shertallai.

153 * MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the large majority of the factories working at Shertallai are only the sub-contractors of the factories working at Alleppey?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, most of them are sub-contractors. It is reported that about 6 of them are direct shippers.

Electric connection to Moovattupuzha town.

154 * MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what factors prevent them from giving electric connection to Moovattupuzha town;

(*b*) whether the Government have not received necessary supplies of articles required for giving electric connection to that town;

(*c*) what is the quantity of electricity now produced there;

(*d*) what will be the increasing quantity when the third pipe line is put up and full scheme is completed; and

(*e*) what steps are in progress for the supply of electricity to Kallar near Pallivasal?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): (*a*) Scarcity of line materials.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) 9000 K. W.

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(*d*) The full development of the present Generating Station at Pallivasal will be achieved only with the installation of the 3rd and 4th pipe lines. The increase in generating capacity that will be possible with the installation of the 3rd pipe line is 7500 K. W.

(*e*) This has not come up for consideration so far.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know by what time the third line will be completed?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: The third line will be completed by the middle of 1946.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any arrangement is made for the laying of the 4th pipe line?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: The 4th pipe line has been ordered.

Telephone Operators.

155 ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of numerous complaints against the conduct of the Telephone Operators in the State?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN: There have been a few complaints against the conduct of Telephone Operators and these cases have been thoroughly enquired into and suitable disciplinary action taken against those found to be at fault. Such cases have been few.

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